# *Guyhirn Church of England Primary School*



# Autumn Newsletter

## October 2026

## Agape – To live, to learn, to love together.

"Live in agreement with one another. Do not be proud but ready to mix with everyone. Do not think yourself better than others ." Romans 12:16

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We have had a great start to the Autumn Term with the children settling into their classes and following our behaviour curriculum. It has been wonderful to see the start of our breakfast club and the current uptake. The children are enjoying a good breakfast and social interactions with their peers before the start of the day. Please continue to book your slot at the club and ensure children arrive between 8am -8:10am

Recently a group of children from Magdalene class attended the Grace Schools Football tournament and made the school proud as they showed great team work and resilience.

A reminder please that any correspondence for the class teacher must be sent to the office where it will be forwarded to the appropriate member of staff. office@guy.graceschools.org.uk

We have a new website https://guy.graceschools.org.uk where you can find information about school, your child's class, topic areas as well as statutory information.

**Attendance**

At our school, we know that every day of learning matters. Consistent school attendance lays the groundwork for children's academic progress, social development, and overall confidence. When children attend school regularly and arrive on time, they get the best possible start to their education

When a child misses school frequently, it can quickly add up to a significant amount of lost learning time.

- **Academic Progress:** Key concepts in literacy and maths are built step-by-step. Missing days can create gaps in understanding that become harder to fill later on.

- **Social Connections:** School is where children build friendships, learn teamwork, and develop social skills. Frequent absences can make children feel disconnected from their peer group.
- **Building Habits:** Regular attendance instils positive routines and strong work habits that carry through to secondary school and adulthood.

**Why Being On Time Matters**

Punctuality is just as critical as overall attendance. Arriving late—even by just 10 or 15 minutes—can have a surprising impact on a child's day:

- **Settling In:** Morning routines are designed to help pupils transition smoothly from home to classroom. Arriving late means missing essential context, instructions, and quiet settling-in time.
- **Classroom Confidence:** Walking into a classroom after lessons have already begun can make children feel self-conscious or anxious, setting a hesitant tone for the rest of the morning.
- **Attendance Records:** Under official guidelines, arriving after the register closes is recorded as an unauthorized absence for that session, directly affecting your child's overall attendance percentage.

**How We Support Our Families**

We understand that every family experiences challenges from time to time, whether due to illness, unexpected life events, or tricky morning routines.

As a school, we monitor attendance closely and have clear systems and procedures in place to support families whenever attendance or punctuality begins to fall. Our aim is always to work in partnership with parents and carers to address any barriers early on before they become larger obstacles.

If you are experiencing difficulties getting your child to school consistently or on time, please reach out to us. We are always here to listen, offer advice, and work together to find a solution that helps your child thrive.

**Jewellery**

A reminder that children are only permitted to wear studded earrings and a watch to school which must be removed for PE and forest school sessions.

Children need a change of footwear for both PE and forest school.

**Uniform-** A reminder that located in the reception area is a uniform station where we invite you to recycle outgrown uniforms. This uniform is free for you to take.

Located in the storage units are used forest school clothing, books, puzzles and food. We are always looking for non-perishable foods. There may be times when things can be difficult and we need help so please feel free to add to the unit or take what you need.

A reminder that if you are in need of a food voucher please catch me and I can issue these or alternatively speak to the school office. This is completely confidential.

**Asthma inhalers** Please ensure that if your child has asthma and an inhaler prescribed by the doctor that the inhalers are in school with an original label on, a spacer is provided and you have completed an up to date asthma form.

**Nut Allergy/ Healthy food -**We have someone with a nut allergy in school therefore we ask that you not send in any products containing nuts for snack or in lunchboxes. We are also a healthy school so we encourage you to provide healthy items in their lunchboxes. We do not expect to see sweets/ chocolate at snack time or lunchtime




**Forest school Sessions**

Please ensure your child has their forest school kit on the days of Forest school. Children need long sleeved tops, suitable shoes/ boots and waterproofs. We are heading into Autumn and the weather can change very quickly

Monday – Marriott Class

Tuesday – Moreton Class / Pre-school

Friday – Magdalene Class

Please ensure children have their full kit and appropriate clothing including waterproofs for the weather conditions on their forest school day.

**FROGS events this month**. PLease support these events so they can continue to provide enrichment activities and resources for our children

2nd October- Magdalene cake sale 3pm

9th October- Marriott cake sale 3pm

10th October- Frogs table top sale at Parson Drove Church

16th October- Moreton and Nene cake sale 3pm

22nd October- non school uniform- bring a £1

**Information sessions**

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our maths and Soundswrite sessions during September. We hope you have these useful. If you would like us to hold additional sessions in the future please let us know what you would like to know more about to support your child's education

**First Aid Training for children**

Unfortunately the company who were providing first aid to our children in September had to cancel, however we have rescheduled this for 15th October.

**Parent Consultations**

Parent consultations are available to book via the MCAS app for Reception/ Year 2 and Year 4 children on Wednesday 7th October.

**Applying for secondary school places/ Reception 2027 Places**

If you have a child in Year 6 you will need to apply for your child's secondary school place by 31st October via the Cambridgeshire admissions service.

If you have a child starting their Reception year in September 2027 you can apply now until 15th January 2027.

**Enrichment activities**

We have several activities planned over this term.

Cambridge Science Centre -STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) **5th November -** Years 1,2 & 3 completing a designer Dino's workshop in Wisbech- morning only

Whole school Trip ( R - Y6) to the Cinema to watch GOAT. This is a PG therefore we need permission from yourselves for your child to watch this. **12th November** - morning only. Thankyou to Frogs for paying for the transport to this event

***Please see the letter sent home today to give consent for your child to attend. Please return as soon as possible.***

Cambridge Science Centre -STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics **26th November**

Year 4,5 & 6 (Magdalene Class) completing a sailing science workshop in Wisbech- morning only

The Big Sing - organised by 20twenty productions at Thomas Clarkson **Tuesday 24th November** - all day for Magdalene Class. The Children will need a packed lunch, snack and drink.

**A Christmas Treat!**

On the morning of Friday 18th December all children including Pre-school will be attending the Secret Garden in Wisbech for a Panto. A huge Thankyou to FROGS who have paid for this trip including the transport.

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